

REMARKS

Reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, and 13-14, under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, as allegedly containing indefinite terms.

By this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. As such, claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, and 13-14 are currently submitted for examination, of which claims 1 and 7 are the sole independent claims.

The amendments to claims 1 and 7 correct the indefinite terms. As such, claims 1 and 7 are patentable as well as the claims depending therefrom. Accordingly, Applicants request the immediate withdrawal of the §112, ¶2 and the immediate allowance of claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, and 13-14.

All matters having been addressed and in view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the immediate allowance of all pending claims.


Applicant's representative remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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